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METSKEK THE UNHOLY AGAIN INDICTED FOR GRAFTING.

Grand jury number two which adjourned October 19th, returned a true bill against one Honorable (?) Clay W. Metsker for presenting for payment to the county commissioners three false and fraudulent bills.

These bills were disallowed but under Section 675 of the Acts of 1905 the grand jury thought him guilty and held him amenable to the circuit court at the November term. Section 675 reads as follows:

"Whoever, knowing the same to be false or fraudulent, makes out or presents for payment or certifies as correct to the general assembly, or either house thereof, or to the auditor of state or other state officer, or to the county auditor, or to the board of commissioners or other officer of any county, or to the treasurer, or other accounting officer of any city or town, or to the trustee or accounting officer of any civil or school township, or school city or town, any claim, bill, note, bond, account, pay roll or other evidence of indebtedness, false or

fraudulent, for the purpose of procuring the allowance of the same or an order for the payment thereof, out of the treasury of said state, county, civil or school township, city or town; and whoever knowing the same to be false or fraudulent, receives payment of any such claim, account, bill, note, bond, pay roll, voucher or other evidence of indebtedness from the treasurer of state, or the treasurer or other paying officer of any county, civil or school township, city or town, shall, on conviction, be imprisoned in the state prison not less than two years nor more than four years and fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one thousand dollars."

As this second jury returned an indictment against the unholy editor it is hardly likely that he can assume that they were imposed upon as his former claim against the jury that voted two indictments a few months ago.

Metsker was placed under arrest and gave bond for his appearance at the next term of court.

TAKEN TO WARSAW.

Old Offender Returned to the Scenes of his Youth.

Homer Evans, who was wanted at Warsaw, for stealing, was arrested by Sheriff Vorcis, at Hatfield's, on the Martin farm, north of Plymouth, where he had been working, Thursday afternoon. He was taken to Warsaw and delivered over to Edward Hass, sheriff of Kosciusko county.

This man Evans, is said to be related to the notorious Evans brothers, five of whom were sent to the state penitentiary during one term of the Kosciusko circuit court.

In Honor of Miss Allen.

A party of eight of her young lady friends, dressed to represent as many nationalities, surprised Miss Helen Allen, at the residence of Father Tremmel, on North Center street, Wednesday evening. The costumes were elegantly gotten up, and only did justice to the young ladies. After an evening of revelry, the party broke up, all declaring a good time had been spent.

The young ladies with their personifications were: Japan—Miss Grace Fanning, Egypt—Miss Marie Cummings, Spain—Miss Loretto Krueyer, Turkey—Miss Marie Morsches, Ireland—Miss Mary Bolinger, Roumania—Miss Elizabeth Holdorf, United States—Miss Hazel Rosenbush, Germany—Miss Blanch Richard.

Rev. Spittler Had a Serious Accident.

Rev. C. A. Spittler, of the United Brethren church, well known in this city and vicinity, and who recently moved from Laud to Claypool, Ind., met with a painful and probably serious accident Saturday morning, and it is thought bursted one of his eye balls.

Just how the accident occurred could not be learned but it is thought Mr. Spittler was handling a gun when the gun exploded and a portion of a shell struck him in the eye.

Mr. Spittler conducted a feed store in Plymouth about two years ago and has many relatives in Marshall county.

Galveston Swept by Storm.

A northwest storm of short duration with heavy rain passed over Galveston, Texas, Wednesday. The wind attained a velocity of seventy miles an hour for two minutes. One woman was killed by being crushed in a falling house. About twenty frame houses were blown down. It is estimated that twenty people were injured in the western part of the city, where the wind was severe. Several business houses were unroofed and the stock of goods were slightly damaged by water.

The Mallory line wharf was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. A few cars in the railroad yards were blown from the track. The Gulf remained normal. There was no interruption to traffic.

Married.

In Wm. H. Love's office, Saturday afternoon, Lillie M. Frank became the bride of Harley A. Love, the words being pronounced by Justice Unger. The bride formerly lived with her parents near Twin Lakes. The groom is a nephew of Wm. H. Love. They will make their home in this city.

HALLOWE'EN DOIN'S.

Ghosts, witches, fairies and brass bands were rulers supreme in Plymouth, Thursday night. While blood thirsty urchins were carrying away front steps, their mothers were parading the streets, dressed in close imitation of the thirty-nine grades of spooks, and sisters were being entertained at sleeping parties.

Mesdames Snobberger and Rockhill entertained their lady friends in ghost parties. Misses Margaret Foltz and Lenora Vinall gave sleeping parties to their girl friends. The younger folks were entertained by an old fashioned Halloween party at the Episcopal rectory.

An amusing incident in which two of our leading citizens figured is told. About 9:30 Thursday evening, a cumbersome matron, with long, flowing black beard, was seen walking north on Michigan street. When she reached the State bank corner she began cutting figure 8's and other pretzels. Finally by way of diversion she laid herself down in the middle of the street, and proceeded into the land of slumbers. Sheriff Vorcis appeared on the scene, having just returned from Warsaw, and suggested to the sleeping beauty that she should accept a pair of steel bracelets as a token of his esteem. At this suggestion the figure resurrected itself, doffed its beard and wig, and revealed the shining bald pate of Charles Cressner.

A young man played Halloween pranks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zumbaugh, west of this city, Thursday night. He weighed 11 1/2 pounds.

Human Debasement.

The trial just ended of Maximilian Harden, the German editor accused of defaming the character of Count Kuno Von Moltke, revealed such disgusting conditions of moral degradation as existing among the so-called "Knights of the Round Table," of which association Von Moltke was a member, that it resulted in an acquittal for Harden and the assertion by the Kaiser that he would purge the German court of such mental and moral perverts as were these men. The details of this case have been shocking in American papers, even after a thorough censoring before they were sent from Germany, yet they are every day equalled in this country. This sounds like an exaggerated statement, yet for example consider the Stevens' case, recently come to light in Chicago. Dr. Stevens was a man of supposed integrity, respected by the many who knew him and quite prominent in church and Sunday school work. Yet when the truth became known concerning his private life an appalling condition giving evidence of moral perversion of the lowest type was revealed. Many parallels could be cited, especially in professional circles. When there is a suspicion of such a state of affairs it should immediately be made the subject of the closest but discreet and never sensational investigation by the proper authorities, with a view to radical measures being taken to put an end to any abnormalities of which the suspected person may be capable, by placing the suspect in confinement. When a case may be amenable to correction, proper treatment should be provided, but when it is known to be hopeless, the incurable degenerate should be placed in permanent confinement. Quite often it is found that such conditions as are here referred to are the result of idleness and the pursuit of lascivious literature. Unearned wealth also contributes largely to this class of degenerates. There is no better safeguard against the generating of vicious, debasing and demoralizing tendencies than honest toil. And in this world there is something for all to do—if not in the pursuit of breadwinning then in helpful work for the uplifting of weak humanity. Riotous, purposeless living is not only hurtful to the individual, but demoralizing to society.

Conditions at Fontanet.

W. C. Van Arsdale, of Greencastle, chairman of the committee which was appointed by the Governor to make investigation of the condition of the people at Fontanet, who suffered damage in the powder mill explosion, has made another report to Governor Hanly. Mr. Van Arsdale reports that the Terre Haute relief committee is doing good work in building shelter houses. He says, however, that the work of repairing the houses which were damaged is not going forward. This work was to be done by the Dupont Powder Company, which owned the mills. It is said that the Dupont Powder company has held up building operations with a view of making cash settlements for the damage suffered. The expense of constructing shelter houses is being paid out of the \$5,000 which was given by the Dupont company soon after the explosion. The Terre Haute relief committee, under the direction of the Governor, has charge of the construction of these houses.

76,925 Vote for Rail Strike.

Richard Bell, general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants of London, Sunday announced that of the 88,134 votes returned in the recent referendum on the proposed strike 76,925 were in favor of going out. Eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-three ballots opposed the strike and the remainder were spoiled. This does not include the 500,000 railway workmen not belonging to the society.

This announcement was made at a great meeting held in Albert hall and attended by deputations from all parts of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Bell declared that the executive committee of the society was well satisfied with this result, but it had resolved that no further reference should be made to the situation pending the interview on Nov. 6 between Mr. Lloyd George, president of the board of trade, and representatives of the society. He said he hoped the mandate would not be put into operation, but he was satisfied that if it became necessary to take this step the men would stand by their colors.

The meeting passed a resolution heartily pledging its support to any action the executive committee might deem necessary.

Company to Sell Airships.

It has come at last. The Bayonne Aerial Navigation company of Bayonne, N. J. has just been incorporated to manufacture and sell airships.

The new concern has a capital of \$100,000 and the incorporators declare they will begin making airships for general sale early in February. Their machine has a body like a bird and is propelled with wings. From tip to tip they measure 24 feet and a 24 horse power engine drives them.

Editor Metsker Indicted.

The Marshall county grand jury indicted Clay W. Metsker, editor of the Plymouth Independent, on the charge of presenting for payment to the county commissioners three false and fraudulent bills. He gave bond for his appearance.—Goshen Democrat.

Russian Mutineers are Placed on Trial.

The court-martial at Valdivostok has begun the trial of the soldiers concerned in Tuesday's uprising against the loyalists there and the sailors who mutined Wednesday on the torpedo boat destroyer Skory fought a bloody battle with other craft in the harbor, shelled the town and finally beached their boat to keep it from sinking under them. The dead number nearly one hundred. The ringleaders are certain to be shot. The followers will probably be sentenced to penal servitude for life. Whether there was any connection between the outbreaks is not yet clear. The land battle beginning with the mutiny of a battalion of sappers recently arrived at the barracks there, was a small affair as compared with the harbor engagement. The uprising on the destroyer Skory was begun through the influence of a number of agitators, among them several Jews, who persuaded the crew to kill the commander, Lieut. Stoer, steam to the center of the harbor and open fire on the town.

Several buildings had been partly demolished and a number of persons killed before the twelfth artillery in one of the harbor forts opened fire. The Skory's crew continued to fight desperately dividing its fire between the attacking craft and the fort. When completely riddled and sinking the steersman ran the boat through the surf and beached her. A strong force of troops met the crew as they landed, bayoneted many and made the others prisoners. The United States consul has sent word to his embassy at St. Petersburg that an American was wounded in the recent rioting between Russian sailors and a mob of civilians.

Mark Twain's Story of His Life.

Mark Twain refuses to let his captivating autobiography be published in book form until after his death, but journalistic enterprise has come to the rescue, and we are to have Mark Twain's masterpiece after all. He has consented to let it appear as a serial. It has been secured at enormous cost by the Sunday Magazine of The Chicago Record-Herald, which has a name for capturing big prizes of this sort, such as Conan Doyle's "Sir Nigel" and Kipling's "Sons of Martha."

Thus it falls out that the readers of The Sunday Record-Herald are to have a delightful treat without extra cost. For months to come Mark Twain will go on telling in his droll way about the famous people he has met, how he came to create Colonel Sellers and Tom Sawyer, and all the funny things that have happened to him. The whole is to be profusely illustrated. The first installment—in the issue of October 27—is accompanied by a magnificent portrait of the humorist. Everybody who likes Mark Twain will want to read this great biography.

Engineer Has Premonition.

Scarcely able to maintain himself in the witness chair and accompanied by a physician, under whose care he has been constantly since the Sandford explosion, Engineer Welch, who had charge of the ill-fated Big Four Train No. 3 on the night of Jan. 19, testified in the Cummings damage suit at Terre Haute, Wednesday. He told of his sudden application of the air brakes as he entered Sandford on the fatal night, and said he had an inexplicable premonition that something was wrong ahead.

The engineer's story was short, but held the close attention of every one in the courtroom while it was being related. He said a gust of wind caused a whirl on the track ahead and he was prompted by a peculiar sensation to apply the air brakes and reverse the engine. Instantly after this, he said, the explosion came and he knew nothing more. He did not attempt to tell how he knew that there was trouble brewing, but said he "felt it in his bones."

Claim of Washington Heirs.

Heirs of George Washington are seeking to recover a large sum from the government on account of lands granted to him along the Ohio river which subsequently were opened inadvertently by Congress to settlers. An administrator of the undistributed assets of the estate was appointed Thursday by the circuit court of Fairfax county, Virginia, on a petition of the heirs-at-law—Lawrence Washington and S. W. Washington. Robert E. Lee was appointed administrator. He is the grandson of General Robert E. Lee and great-grandson of "Light Horse" Harry Lee, General Washington's chief of staff.

Roosevelt Bars Cat Ashes.

Public Administrator William M. Hoos has disposed of the entire legacy left by the late Mrs. Lulu B. Glover, of New York, excepting the ashes of a cremated kitten. He has failed to get rid of this interesting relic. President Roosevelt, to whom Mrs. Glover committed suicide in her apartments at New York on Dec. 10, left her estate, has firmly refused to add the funeral urn which contains the ashes of the feline pet to his stock of curiosities.

Although it is not within the province of the public administrator to deal with the estates of those who have made wills, Mr. Hoos at the request of the president took charge of the property left by Mrs. Glover. He said Sunday that he had found the estate was valued at more than \$6,000, and that within the last few days President Roosevelt had notified him that he would give the money to a charitable institution.

But the urn which contains the ashes of one of the many cats of which Mrs. Glover was fond is too much like a white elephant to appeal to the president. He notified Mr. Hoos last week that he expected him as executor of the estate of Mrs. Glover to find a resting place for the ashes of the kitten. Mr. Hoos has offered the relic to several physicians. He has found that there is no general demand for the ashes of kittens, so he has taken charge of the urn himself and is using it as a paper weight.

According to law the cremated kitten is the property of President Roosevelt and he may at any time he chooses claim the residuary ashes. This, Mr. Hoos is sure, the president has no intention of doing. Mr. Hoos says he will keep the ashes if he is unable to persuade anybody to accept them.

Mr. Hoos' efforts to discover relatives of Mrs. Glover have extended over a period of several months, but have been fruitless. At this time there is little known about the woman more than was known when she was found in her apartment after she had tried to kill herself. She died in the Harlem hospital, leaving a will which gave her estate to President Roosevelt, many photographs of whom were among her belongings.

Will Give Son \$1 for Rope.

In the will of John Ling, an old time resident of Woodbridge, N. J., a copy of which was filed in the office of the surrogate of Queens county in Jamaica, L. I., Friday, in order to cover some of the estate in that county, appears the following clause:

"I leave and bequeath to John Ling, my son, the sum of \$1. My wish for John Ling Jr. is to purchase a rope long and strong enough to support his wife, with the said sum of \$1, or 100 cents, the same to be paid six months after my decease by my wife, Mary Ling, her heirs and executors."

The records do not say whether John put the bequest to the use designated by his father, who objected strenuously to his daughter-in-law. The will is dated March 6, 1857.

Japan Gives Big Rail Order.

While the railroads and the steel rail manufacturers are still struggling with the problem regarding the modification of the pattern for new rails for use on run lines in this country, Japan has come forward, satisfied with the existing design of rails, and has placed orders for 35,000 tons of new rails, for delivery early next year. In addition, it is preparing specifications for thirty thousand tons more, all of which will be rolled in Pittsburgh and Chicago.

The latest contracts secured by the Carnegie Steel company for rails included 13,000 tons of rails of the Japanese order. The actual orders for rails now on the books of the Carnegie company are so small that the plants are slowing down.

Carry Out a Death Pact.

Because his physician said he could not live, R. W. Kerwan and wife shot themselves at Springfield, Mass., Friday, in accordance with a suicide pact. "He couldn't live and I didn't care to live," explained Mrs. Kerwan to the police. "I shot first," said the woman.

"Then I took the revolver from her hand and fired into my breast," said Kerwan.

Each was wounded just over the heart and both may die. They took a room at a hotel in Springfield the night before, and they were found lying side by side on the floor when the door was forced. Kerwan was employed by a cigar company.

Town of Karatagh, in Russian Turkestan, Reported Entirely Destroyed.

The whole town of Karatagh, in Russian Turkestan, has been destroyed, and the entire population, numbering about 15,000, was buried by a mountain slide, following the recent earthquake there.

The governor of Karatagh and his mother were the only persons who survived the disaster.

The shocks occurred October 20 and 21, and did great damage. So far as known however, only two persons were killed at that time. The victims were struck by falling masonry. Most of the people fled to the open country, but afterward returned to their homes. Karatagh is in a mountainous country and the earth shocks are believed to have loosened the rock and earth that practically the entire mountain-side toppled upon the city.

After hanging poised over the city for several days, the mountain started so suddenly the inhabitants had no time for flight.

Communication with the stricken district, never speedy, is now completely cut off. It will probably be many days before details can be learned. Rescuers are on their way to aid those who may yet be alive. The story is generally accepted however, that the community's annihilation was practically complete and that the number of dead will not be far, if any, short of 15,000.

Karatagh is situated 100 miles southeast of Samarkand in Russian Turkestan, where severe earthquake shocks occurred October 20 and 21. The disturbances were recorded by the Weather Bureau's instruments in Washington. They were believed to have originated in the southern Indian ocean.

Dispatches were received the same day from St. Petersburg reporting heavy shocks in Central Asia at Latokurgan, Khokand and other places.

Is at Mercy of Czar.

Russia has Turkey at its mercy at last through a startling diplomatic maneuver, of which details have just leaked out. The czar obtained his long sought advantage over the Turk through a treaty with Bulgaria. In event of Russo-Bulgarian troubles, Russia pledges itself to aid Bulgaria with 18 cavalry and artillery regiments, and, in return, Bulgaria promises to loan its new torpedo fleet to the czar if needed against the sultan.

The agreement is especially significant in view of the recent Anglo-Russian convention, recognizing Russia's predominance on the western Persian frontier. The combination of treaties enables Russia to send an army from Persia to join a Russo-Bulgarian force, tears down Turkey's defense on its weakest side and makes Constantinople's fall certain in event of hostilities.

The treaty was negotiated between Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria and Russian Grand Duke Vladimir during the latter's recent visit at Sofia.

Face Fearful Famine.

A more frightful famine than that of 1899, when more than 1,000,000 people perished of starvation, is certain to come to India this city.

Crop failures throughout the country have been practically complete. Predictions for the future are based on close personal investigation of government agents, whose work has been so thorough as to leave no doubt of the accuracy of their forecasts. Having exerted itself to the utmost in vain to prevent a famine the government is rushing relief preparations. The work will be begun within a fortnight on a scale more extensive than before in ten years. It is estimated that at least 45,000,000 people will be wholly dependent on the government for food. Relief was given to 11,000,000 in 1899, at a cost of \$75,000,000.

After County Officials.

The grand jury of Elkhart county has returned 13 new indictments, 11 of which are against County Auditor Ollie Sweitzer, the other two being against County Commissioners C. A. Davis and F. E. Berlin. The action of the grand jury is the outcome of an investigation into the matter of the auditor irregularly issuing warrants for bills and the allowing of the same by the commissioners. The men have all been arraigned and gave \$100 bonds. There is no prison penalty attached to the offense, but it is punishable by a \$50 fine.

In Justice Court.

Norah H. Zeigler of Argos, was arraigned in Justice Unger's court, Thursday, on complaint of Delpha Bradford and others, for uttering obscene and licentious language before a female. Defendant pled guilty and was fined with costs \$16.45.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

MAYBE ATTY. MATTHEW WASN'T HURT SO BADLY AFTER ALL.

THE GERMANS KNOW

A Message From Above Says That He Was Only Badly Frightened.

A large gas balloon, possibly the German Pommeron, passed over Plymouth Wednesday night and dropped a letter addressed to the Tribune, which was picked up by an employee of this office. The message was written in German, and a friendly translator was called in, who rendered it into English, which ran to this effect:

We, Heinrich Val Blatz, and Gustavus Anhauser Busch, were sailing over the city of Argos, Monday evening last, in our balloon when we noticed a serene looking gentleman, carrying a small hand valise, walking south on the main street of that city, approaching a church nearby. There was quite a crowd collected in the church, and one would surmise that the aforesaid gentleman was about to enter that church. In a little shop near the church were a couple of boys evidently filing saws (we only guess at their occupation, judging by the noise that was made.) As the gentleman drew even with the shop, the boys must have dropped a large saw, for we heard the clatter some 500 feet above the earth.

We could only sympathize with the gentleman and his valise, both of whom were so frightened that the former ran away from the latter, leaving also, his hat behind. Upon reaching the church, the gentleman was met with interrogations as to the absence of his hat, and his good old law books, the latter of which were to be read from.

Now as this may be written down in the history of your county, in order that no erroneous report may be made of the same, we give the event as it happened, and appeared to us. We address this letter to the Plymouth Tribune because we, even from the far shores of Germany, have heard of the truthfulness and honesty of your paper.

Hoping we have done you some service we remain,
H. A. B.
G. A. B.

We are wondering if the above is true. Somebody said that the attorney knew who one of the parties was. However, when the county prosecutor approached the attorney and wished to prosecute the criminal, he could find out nothing.

WILL NOT BE BUILT

Commissioners Decide Against Opening A Road on Marshall and Fulton County Boundary.

After having been in session all day Thursday, the commissioners of Marshall and Fulton counties, in joint session, at about 12:00 o'clock Thursday night, found against opening a road on the boundary of the two aforesaid counties.

Thursday there were 37 witnesses before the commissioners. The arguments were not begun until the evening session. After hearing the arguments pro and con, and after due consideration, the commissioners from both counties, voted unanimously against the road.

The road in question was an old one, beginning east of the Vandavia railroad in Union township and running along the county line, in an easterly direction, for 2 1/2 miles. The petitioners wished this road to be opened and improved. The petition, as originally presented by John Osborn, was signed with 175 signatures. The remonstrators against, secured 384 names. The petitioners then solicited other names to the number of 194, who were in favor of opening the road. Commissioners Katterman and Ushin of Fulton, and Troup and Yantiss of Marshall counties, were present.

Increased Attendance.

The audience at the Christian church was doubled from the previous evening, and Rev. Henry was well received and addressed the people on "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, and upon this rock I will build my church." He very ably presented the enlargement of the church and its continual growth. Rev. Ferris from South Bend will address the audience this evening. He is pastor of the Indiana avenue church at that place, and has done a great work in this field.